(b) The Scheme for Volunatry Retirement was closed in all the Banks before 31.3.2001. However, processing of the applications as well as relieving of the employees, wherever considered necessary by the banks, has been planned in phases spilling over to the year 2001-2002.

(c) The total number of employees relieved in the State Bank of India under Voluntary Retirement Scheme is 20,784.

Recovery of NPAs by Banks and FIs

1009. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of Non-Performing Assets (NPA) with Banks and Financial Institutions by March, 2001;

(b) what was the total Non-performing Assets with Banks and Financial Institutions at the end of 1998-99;

(c) how many suits filed by Public Sector Banks and Financial Institutions are pending for the recovery of Non-Performing Assets; and

(d) what is the share of the Members of the country's Apex Chambers of Commerce and Industry in the total Non-Performing Assets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of public sector banks and all India financial

institutions and their percentage to their gross advances as on 31st March, 1999 and 31st march, 2001 is given below:—

	As on 31.03.1999		As on 31.03.2001	
	Gross NPAs (Rs. in crores)	% of Gross Advances	Gross NPAs (Rs. in crores)	% of Gross Advances
(i) Public Sector Banks	51710	15.9	54773	12.4
(ii) All India Financial Institutions (*i.e.* IDBI, ICICI, IFCI, IIBI, EXIM BANK, SIDBI, IDFC and NEDFI)	22248	15.6	25688	15.33

*Data provisional

(c) RBI has reported that the data reporting system does not generate information about suits filed by public sector banks and financial institutions, which are pending for the recovery of NPAs. However, RBI publishes a list of borrowal accounts against whom banks and financial institutions have filed suits for recovery of their dues aggregating Rs. 1 crore and above and Rs. 25 lakh and above for wilful defaulters as on 31st March every year. The last such list has been published as on 31st March 2000. It is also available on internet and the URL of RBI website is http/www.rbi.org.in. The

number of suit filed accounts of Public Sector banks and financial institutions as on 31st March, 2000 is as under:—

	Suit filed accounts of Rs. 1 crore and above	Suit filed cased of wilful defaults of Rs. 25 lakhs and above
(i) Public Sector Banks (accounts of Rs. 1 crore and above)	4303	131
(ii) Financial Institutions *i.e.* IDBI, IFCI & ICICI)	1166	10

(d) The date reporting system does not generate such information.

Cess on petrol collected from Karnataka

1010. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) by when the cess on the sale of petrol and diesel was introduced;

(b) whether it is a fact that Re. 1/- is being collected as cess on the sale of every litre of petrol and diesel;

(c) the total kilo litres of petrol and diesel sold in Karnataka so far from the date of introduction of the above cess;

(d) the total amount of cess so far collected from Karnataka;

(e) the criteria being followed in distributing this cess to the State; and

(f) the amount released to Karnataka towards the collection from the above cess so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Initially an additional duty of Re. 1/- per litre was levied on imported as well as domestic motor spirit with effect from 2nd June, 1998. Similarly an